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In re the application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1712 **TC 1700**

Serial No: **09/924,115**

Examiner: **Philip C. Tucker**

Filed : **August 8, 2001**

: **FRACTURING METHOD USING AQUEOUS  
OR ACID BASED FLUIDS**

**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION**  
**DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 2003**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding final official action,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

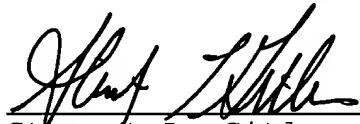
Please cancel non-allowed claims 1 to 18, 21 and 22.

Please add new dependent claims 23-30 which depend on  
allowed claim 19.

**Remarks**

The claims are fully supported by the disclosure in the  
specification and do not introduce new matter in the  
specification. They correspond to the cancelled claims, but they  
now depend from an allowed claim. A marked-up copy of all claims  
is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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